



Customer No. 22,852

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2004, the period for response having been extended three months by a request for extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please amend the claims as indicated in the **Amendments to the Claims** section, which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this Amendment.